

FACTS AND FANCIES FOR WOMAN AND THE HOME CIRCLE

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SHORT STORY

Fortunate Fancy.

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RED CROSS

NEWS AND NOTES

THE REFUGEE.

The dominant thought in the hearts of all mankind during the coming year must be reconstruction. Individuals as well as governments must feel the most stupendous task in the world's history. As the flood of war's deluge recedes toward the German frontier, there is revealed a condition of affairs so terrible that the human mind, with its figures and facts, cannot grasp its meaning. Face to face with the awful toll of war there is born a prayer that never again in the world's history shall such desolation and destruction visit the earth.

Without more figures it is not possible to know the task of reconstruction before us. We must realize that in Europe there are as many dead and maimed men as the combined populations of New York, Boston, Chicago, Philadelphia, St. Louis, and twenty Cleveland. Realize also that in all this devastated region every shop and industry is closed. We find it difficult to comprehend the damage to property from one earthquake or tornado; but in the war zones of Europe and Asia, are equal to four Englands, has been terribly ravaged. A French engineer reports that in certain parts of France the soil has been made so useless by shell fire that it will take one hundred years to restore it for cultivation.

One-day nursery in our midst arouses a community sympathy and interest for the helpless little ones. There are 1,000,000 fatherless children overseas whose thin hands reach out to us for pity and help. We can face the fact of our fatherless home, but before this awful our minds strain and bend to meet the terrible meaning.

Behind and beyond this bitterness of war is the grief-stricken, dispirited family—the hopelessness and despair of being and owning nothing. This is the refugee—the one for whom reconstruction in 1919 must fill our minds and hearts. Out of Belgium, on the road to Paris, this steady stream of refugees flows, a varying current due to war's vicissitudes. In Italy, Serbia, Russia and tragic Armenia, the refugee, patiently humble, waits our generosity. Three countries must bear this burden of reconstruction—Japan, South America, and the United States, for they profited most by war's existence. What the first two countries may do or how they feel toward these helpless ones we cannot now know. Our own country owes a debt to the refugee that no financial payment can ever liquidate. But for the challenge of his dead body, buried by the Belgian in front of the Hun army, our women and children might now be refugees themselves. But for the unconquerable spirit of the French patriot, dying at the Marne and Verdun, the Hun might have passed and Fairmont.

Hurt by Cow.

James D. Bowman is confined to the house by a sprained leg caused by a struggle with a fractious cow the day before Christmas.

Personal.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Carpenter and two children of Kingmont, are visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Stansberry, of Little Falls, are visiting relatives of Mrs. Stansberry here.

Six Years' Thinking She Might Die, Says Texas Lady, But Now She Well, Strong Woman and Frankly Grateful For Her Recovery.

Royce City, Tex.—Mrs. Mary Kilman, of this place, says: "After the birth of my little girl...my side commenced to hurt me. I had to go back to bed. We called the doctor. He treated me...but I got no better. I got worse and worse until the misery was unbearable...I was in bed for three months and suffered such agony that I was just drawn up in a knot...I told my husband if he would get me a bottle of Cardui I would try it...I commenced taking it, however, that evening I called my family about me...for I knew I could not last many days unless I had a change for the better. That was six years ago and I am still here and am a well, strong woman, and I owe my life to Cardui. I had only taken half the bottle when I began to feel better. The misery in my side got less...I continued right on taking the Cardui until I had taken three bottles and I did not need any more for I was well and never felt better in my life...I have never had any trouble from that day to this."

Do you suffer from headache, backache, pains in sides, or other discomforts, each month? Or do you feel weak, nervous and fagged-out? If so, give Cardui, the woman's tonic, a trial.

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and this coal region might have been another Liege. We owe much to the refugee for, due to her sorrow and tragedy, we discover our own weakness nationally and reap the benefit of a new knowledge.

We know now the infinite unimportance of things and the unspeakable value of human life and love. From those who have for four years lived in cellars and caves and suffered the torments of a thousand infernos we that believe "there is a dominion of spirit that can conquer conquerors."

From these homeless refugees comes a personal plea to each one of us. Is it too much to ask that we take out of our lives a definite period of time to sew or work for them? When we sit before our warm fires, or draw our war coats about us, protected, shielded and secure, we must remember those unfortunate ones—the victims of war's malice. Our charity must save them. We must prove that to do as one pleases is not the true spirit of our patriotism, for with all fear for our own safety removed we have a supreme opportunity to take our democracy into the homes of Europe.

Headquarters' Notes.

Our chairman, Mrs. Meredith, is especially pleased at the generous response to the Christmas roll call in city and county. To every one wearing the Red Cross-1919 button she wishes a Happy New Year. Back of the wish is a request that we begin anew our work. The refugee garment allotment is far from complete. Although it is the holiday season the workroom was never closed except for Christmas day. While the work done has been by no means unimportant, the reports are very small and incomplete. They will be included in next week's work.

Audiaries.

The work done by the auxiliaries during the Christmas drive was very wonderful, had roads, influenza, and the difficulty of handling supplies made their accomplishments exceptionally fine. The reports are as yet so incomplete that they cannot be published until later.

The writer recently heard a tribute to the Red Cross that is worth publishing. A Red Cross worker approached an Hungarian and, because of his nationality, timidly asked for a membership. The Hungarian not only gave her the money but said, "Me glad to give one dollar me give more. Me sick. Red Cross lady make me well." He opened his shirt at the neck and exposed a long, angry looking battle scar.

Annabelle tells a story of similar gratitude and appreciation of the Red Cross. In a little town of 600 people there were 250 cases of influenza. The local auxiliary furnished soup, medical supplies, and five nurses. These were Mrs. W. E. Brown, Mrs. Cornwell, Mrs. Clarence Belch, Mrs. Ed. Davis, and Mrs. George Duffman. The auxiliary received \$30 from grateful miners because to them and to their families had come the Red Cross.

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Press Chairman.

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